

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this preliminary amendment be entered in the present application. The amendments to the specification made herein correct an error in the application as originally filed. The original application contained a reference to Fig. 10. There is no such figure in the present application. Thus, the application has been amended accordingly. No new matter has been entered by this amendment.

In addition, a substitute specification is attached hereto. The substitute specification reflects a correction to the paragraph numbering. In addition, the substitute specification includes the amendments made herein.

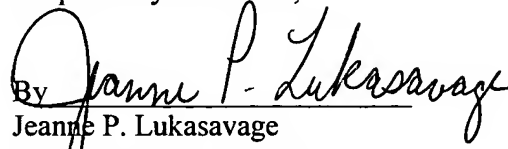
It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be entered in the present application since they correct errors to the application and no new matter has been entered. In addition, it is respectfully requested that the substitute specification be entered in the present application, since it addresses a formalities issue of improper paragraph numbering. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (201) 847-6797 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-1666 therefor.

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